

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3799–3812; 1 private bill, H.R. 3813; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 477 were introduced. **Pages H7532–33**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Committee on Appropriations report on the Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–672);

H.R. 3249, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the nation's seabed, amended (H. Rept. 194–673);

S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, amended (H. Rept. 104–674 Part 1); and

H.R. 3586, to amend title 5, United States Code, to strengthen veterans' preference, to increase employment opportunities for veterans, amended (H. Rept. 104–675). **Page H7532**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Taylor of North Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7477**

**Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2428, as amended, to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law. **Pages H7477–80**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:12 a.m. **Page H7480**

**Defense of Marriage Act:** By a recorded vote of 342 ayes to 67 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 316, the House passed H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage. **Pages H7480–H7506**

By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 164 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 315, rejected the Berman motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back forthwith with an amendment that sought to require a study of the differences in benefits, rights, and privileges available to persons in a marriage and to persons in a domestic partnership. **Pages H7503–05**

Sustained the point of order against the Jackson-Lee motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back forthwith with an amendment that sought to add sections to the bill prohibiting em-

ployment discrimination based upon sexual orientation. **Pages H7501–03**

**Rejected:**

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to strike the provision which defines for Federal purposes marriage and spouse as a legal union between a man and woman, as husband and wife; and **Pages H7481–97**

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to suspend the Federal definition of marriage when a state through its normal democratic process determines a definition different than that which is provided in the measure (rejected by a recorded vote of 103 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 314).

**Pages H7498–H7501**

Agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the Gunderson motion that the Committee rise and strike the enacting clause. **Pages H7497–98**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of July 15. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Tuesday. **Pages H7506–07**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, for morning hour debates. **Page H7507**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 17. **Page H7507**

**Congressional Family Picnic:** House Agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the first annual Congressional Family Picnic. **Page H7507**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7533.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H7480.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye-a-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7501, H7505, and H7505–06. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee

action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

#### GSA LEASING PROGRAM—OVERVIEW

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on Overview of GSA Leasing Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service; and William Whyte, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Audits; and a public witness.

#### MEDICARE CHOICES AND COMPETITIVE PRICING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Administration's Medicare Choices and Competitive Pricing Demonstration Projects. Testimony was heard from Bruce Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 15 through 20, 1996

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will not be in session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1936, Nuclear Waste Policy, and if cloture is not invoked, vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 1894, DOD Appropriations, 1997.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete consideration of S. 1894, DOD Appropriations, 1997, and may also consider the following:

H.R. 3540, Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1997;

Further appropriations bills; and

Any cleared executive and legislative business, and conference reports, when available.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, July 16, 1996 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* July 16, Subcommittee on Transportation, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 10 a.m., SD-124.

July 16 and 18, Full Committee, Tuesday, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and an

original bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2 p.m.; Thursday, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2 p.m.; SD-192.

July 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Education, 2 p.m., SD-138.

July 18, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Government of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 18, to hold hearings to review the Federal Reserve's semi-annual monetary policy report (Humphrey-Hawkins), 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 17, to hold hearings on issues relating to Federal Aviation Administration safety oversight, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* July 18, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 988, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land to the Secretary of the Army to facilitate construction of a jetty and sand transfer system, and S. 1805, to provide for the management of Voyageurs National Park, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* July 16, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the new international threat of "date-rap drug" trafficking, 2 p.m., SD-419.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on Extradition Treaties with Hungary (Treaty Doc. 104-5), Belgium (Treaty Doc. 104-7), Belgium (104-8), Switzerland (Treaty Doc. 104-9), Philippines (Treaty Doc. 104-16), Bolivia (Treaty Doc. 104-22), and Malaysia (Treaty Doc. 104-26), and Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties with Korea (Treaty Doc. 104-1), Great Britain (Treaty Doc. 104-2), Philippines (Treaty Doc. 104-18), Hungary (Treaty Doc. 104-20), and Austria (Treaty Doc. 104-21), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

July 18, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on certain issues with regard to Hong Kong, 2 p.m., SD-419.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jeffrey S. Davidow, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, 11 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* July 16, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the vulnerabilities of national computer information systems and networks, and Federal efforts to promote security within the information infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

July 16, Full Committee, to resume hearings on S. 1629, to protect the rights of the States and the people from abuse by the Federal Government, to strengthen the